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The Honorable Max Baucus  
United States Senator  
8 Third Street East  
Kalispell, MT 59901

Dear Senator Baucus:

Thank you for your letter of April 9, 2012, on behalf of Mr. William Reichel of Libby. Mr. Reichel requests to have his property, located at 63 Crest Street, cleaned up by the EPA as part of our Libby Asbestos Superfund Site response actions. I have reviewed the information Mr. Reichel provided to your office and the EPA files on his property, and I appreciate this opportunity to provide the following information in response to his concerns.

Mr. Reichel visited the EPA's Libby Asbestos Superfund Site Information Center on March 22, 2012, and met with Mike Cirian, an EPA Remedial Project Manager for the Libby Asbestos site. During his conversation with Mr. Cirian, Mr. Reichel expressed his desire to have his property cleaned up for Libby amphibole asbestos.

Upon review of the property file, it was found that a screening investigation had not been completed on Mr. Reichel's property during the EPA's Contaminate Screening Studies (CSS) performed in 2002 and 2003. We also found that an Environmental Resource Specialist (ERS) "quick response" was conducted at the property in 2008 which addressed vermiculite in the soil of the property that was brought to the surface after a tree fell over.

On March 23, 2012, an EPA contractor met with Mr. Reichel to obtain his permission to access the property to conduct a General Property Investigation (GPI). Access was granted, and the interior portion GPI was completed. Since visible vermiculite was found in a special use area, the property is eligible for cleanup by the EPA. Our next step is to conduct a property survey, and an exterior GPI has been scheduled now that the weather will allow for an outdoor investigation. During the exterior GPI, samples will be collected and analyzed for the presence of Libby amphibole asbestos. The analytical results, along with data collected during the property investigation, will be used to determine the extent of the cleanup needed at the property.

Once the sample results are received, a removal plan will be drafted. When the removal plan is completed, EPA contractors will review the plan with Mr. Reichel. The cleanup on Mr. Reichel's property is scheduled to be conducted during the 2012 construction season once he approves the removal plan and grants access to the EPA to conduct the work.

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We appreciate your continued interest in the EPA's clean-up actions in Libby. If you would like additional information, please contact me, or your staff may wish to contact Sandy Fells, Regional Congressional Liaison, at 303-312-6604 or [fells.sandy@epa.gov](mailto:fells.sandy@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**  
**James B. Martin**

James B. Martin  
Regional Administrator



# Correspondence Management System

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April 9, 2012

Mr. James Martin  
Regional Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
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Denver, CO 80202-1129

Dear James:

I am sending the enclosed communication from one of my constituents, William Reichel, for your consideration. I would very much appreciate your comments on this matter.

Please direct your reply and any questions to my Kalispell office at the address and phone numbers provided below:

U.S. Senator Max Baucus  
8 3rd St E  
Kalispell, MT 59901  
Phone: 406-756-1150  
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Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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**MAX BAUCUS**

United States Senator from Montana

**PRIVACY RELEASE FORM**

Please return completed Privacy Act Release Form to any of my state offices.

Due to provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a), I must have your written permission before I can make an inquiry on your behalf and/or receive any information to complete your request.

Date: 4/1/12

Dear Max,

I authorize you to make inquiries to the appropriate parties on my behalf.

Signature: William D ReichelName (Mr. Mrs. Ms.) MR. WILLIAM D REICHELAddress: 63 CREST ST.City: LIBBY State: MT. Zip: 59923Email: REICHELWILLIAM@YAHOO.COMTelephone (Home) (406) 293-9221 (Work): \_\_\_\_\_(Cell) (406) 291-0301 (Fax): \_\_\_\_\_

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Please state your request and a brief explanation below. Attach any documentation which might help resolve your problem. Please print or type. Please send only copies of documents - do not send your originals. (attach additional pages if necessary)

THE E.P.A. HAS BEEN AWARE OF VAMICOLITE IN MY YARD FOR FOUR YEARS WHEN IN OS TRAY CAME OVER AND CLEANED UP AREA WHERE A TREE BLEW OVER. WHILE MY CHILDREN HAVE BEEN EXPOSED THEY ARE CLEANING UP PASTURES AND RIP RAPING AREAS OF RIVERS AND STREAMS. THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN LET DOWN, PLEASE INVESTIGATE